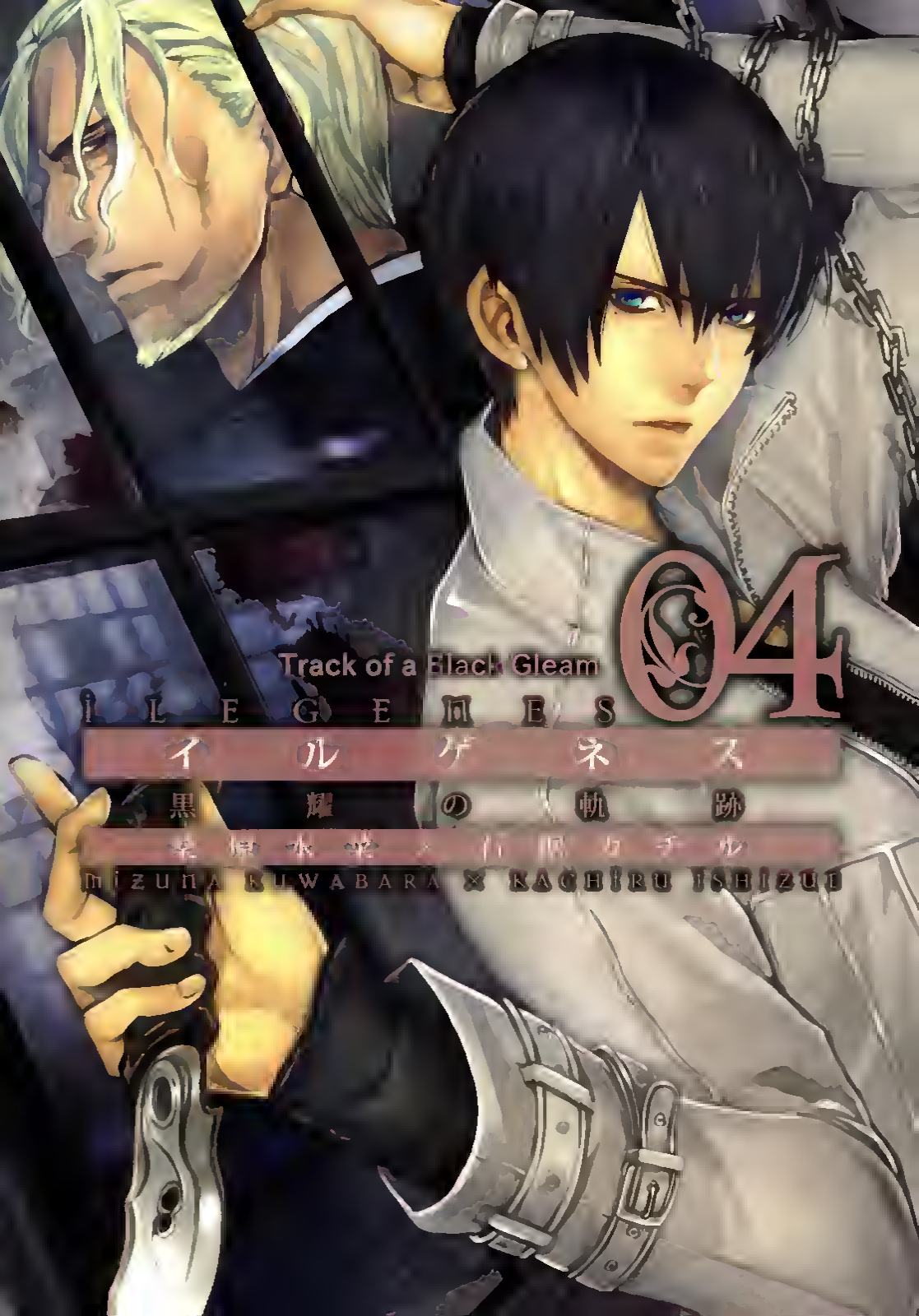
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04 CONTENTS

ASSAILANT IS PROBABLY SOMEBODY IN THE INNER CITY.
MR. AND MRS. MILFIELD... THEY WERE THE ACTIVISTS FOR ANTI CLONE-MARKET.
MADE A HUGE MESS SHOOTING AROUND...
WELL... IF THEY WERE COMMITTING THEMSELVES IN THAT KIND OF MOVEMENT, THAT COULDN'T AVOID THAT.
WERE THEY INVOLVED IN THE INNER CITY ...?
THESE PEOPLE ...
DID THIS CHILD TALK SOMETHING?
ONCE WE INVESTIGATE THROUGH, LET'S GET GOING.
NO, HE HASN'T EVEN MOVE FROM THERE.
YES, SIR.
THEY ARE NO GOING TO DO A DECENT INVESTI-GATION.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT. WE CAN'T INVESTIGATE IF HE STAYS HERE.

YOU GUYS CAN'T DO IT.
PEOPLE WHO JUST GIVE IN TO A LARGE POWER CAN'T...
I'M PROUD OF MY PARENTS.
.....
I LOVE YOU...
FATHER.
MOTHER.

GOOD-
NIGHT.
I SWORE ON THAT NIGHT.
I
AVENGE
THEM.

CHAPTER
19

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I CAN AVENGE ON THAT MAN...

HE IS VISITING CLINIC FOR MECHANICAL MAINTE-NANCE.
I KNOW WE'VE BEEN WALKING ON THE ALLEYWAY FOR A WHILE BUT MOST OF BODY MAINTENANCE CLINICS ARE IN THE BACK STREET.
NOT YET.
WE HAVE TO WALK A LITTLE MORE.
...ARE WE THERE YET, ES?

....
BODY MAINTENANCE ...IS HE REMODELING ...?
I SEE.
LET'S GET TO THE POINT, ES.
WHERE IS THAT MAN?
!
FON.

ES
...
YOU' VE BEEN
...
LOOKING FOR HIM A LONG TIME, HAVEN' T YOU?
HE IS THE PERSON YOU' VE BEEN WANTING TO SEE, RIGHT?
....

I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM... LONG TIME.
YES, OF COURSE.
TO TAKE HIS LIFE BY THIS HAND.
THAT'S WHY I REALLY THANK YOU, ES.
ALTHOUGH...
OKAY.
THAT'S FINE, THEN.
.....

BY THE WAY, FON.
I THOUGHT THEY NORMALLY SMILE BECAUSE OF HAPPINESS.
WHEN PEOPLE SEE A PERSON WHO WANTED TO SEE...
YEAH.
YOU NEED TO TURN OFF YOUR CELL INSIDE OF THE LABO.
I TURNED IT OFF WHEN I CAME TO THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.
P...
THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

BOTH FON AND THAT GUY, ES'S CELLS ARE DISCONNECTED.
THEY ALREADY WOULDN'T BE AT THE MEETING PLACE MENTIONED IN THE E-MAIL.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
!
RRRR
!
YES.
HELLO, JAKE.
MAGGE?

HUH?
SOUNDS WINDY. ARE YOU OUTSIDE?
YEAH, I AM.
ARE YOU WALKING AROUND WITH CUFFS? HA-HA.
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER.
THEN, HOW'S THE THING I WAS ASKING YOU ABOUT?
HAVE YOU FIND ANY CLUE?
OH, YEAH. THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU.
ABOUT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DR. LITTENBER AND MILFIELD.
DR. LITTENBER WAS THE ONE SUPPORTED BEHIND THEM WHO WERE ANTI CLONE-MARKET ACTIVISTS.
HA HA
SUP-PORTED ...

THERE'S ONE MORE THING.
I'M STILL SEARCHING IF IT'S RELATED TO MILFIELD BUT...
DR. LITTENBER APPEARS TO BE...
HIDING A TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT FROM THE SOCIETY.
TOP SECRET EXPER-IMENT ?
BUT THEY ARE COVERING SO WELL.
IF I COULD AT LEAST FIND THIS EXPERIMENT IS RELATED TO THE MOVEMENT HE SUPPORTED ...
WHAT IF THE EXPERIMENT IS RELATED TO FON'S PARENTS...
I SEE.
THANK YOU, MAGGE.
YEAH. LET ME KNOW IF YOU GET SOME NEWS.

TOP SECRET EXPER-IMENT ...
I CLEARLY HEARD THE NOISE.
IS IT REALLY ...
A TRANQUI-LIZER?
DO YOU ...
ALSO THINK MY ADOPTIVE FATHER PLAYED WITH MY BRAIN?

COULD THAT BE ...
THIS WAY, FON.
BODY MAINTE-NANCE CLINIC...

THIS CLINIC IS DEALING NOT ONLY BODY WEAPON OR REINFORCEMENT BUT ARTIFICIAL ORGANS TOO.
PEOPLE WHO ARE CYBERNETICALLY CONVERTED VISIT HERE FOR MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE.

THAT GUY'S BODY IS CYBERNETIC ...IT ISN'T JUST AN ARTIFICIAL BODY...
I THINK HE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF MAINTENANCE BUT...
HE MIGHT BE DONE BY NOW.

HE IS IN THIS CLINIC ...
WILL YOU WAIT HERE? I'LL GO ASK WHERE HIS ROOM IS.
YEAH.

MAY I ASK YOU WHERE...
EXCUSE ME...
!!

I FOUND HIM ...!!
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FON.
DIDN'T YOU HAVE TO TALK TO HIM?
THAT WAS THE PERSON YOU WERE LOOKING ...
....
THANKS, ES.
I'LL GO BY MYSELF FROM HERE.
EH?

WAIT ...
WAIT! WHO IS HE?
ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW HIM? WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...
YES.
THIS IS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU FROM NOW.
YOU SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ?
YOU ARE GOING HOME NOW.
I'M ... GOING WITH YOU.
I KNOW WHERE HE LIVES ...
YOU CAN'T !!
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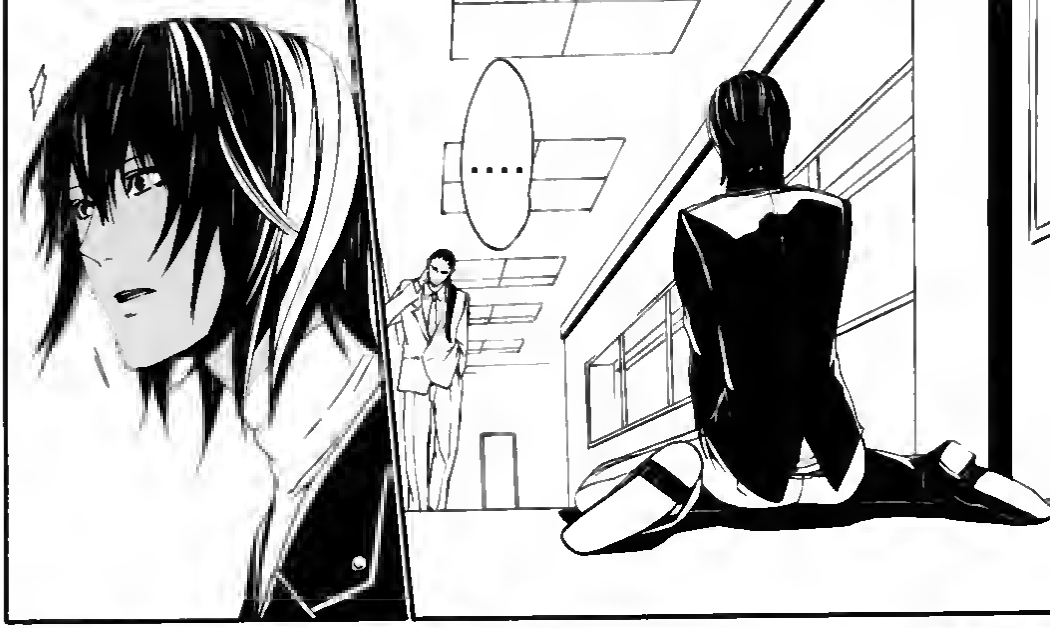
JUST LEAVE.
INTERRUPTS ME.
NOBODY ...
....

IT'S MY REVENGE.
I WILL SINK HIM INTO THE BLOODY SEA TOO.
THIS IS THE TIME TO AVENGE THE MURDER OF MY PARENTS.
ON THAT MAN!

I WILL SHOOT HIM TILL HE BECOMES A BEEHIVE LIKE MY PARENTS.
DESTROY HIM COMPLETELY.
NO... THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.
MORE ... IT NEEDS TO BE MUCH CRUELER THAN THAT.
I WILL MAKE HIM THINK RATHER DIE THAN TAKING THE HORRIBLE PAIN.
WITH PAIN AND FEAR...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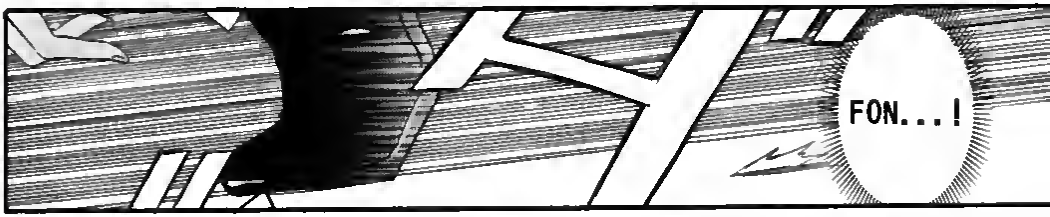
FON...!

I'VE DONE SOMETHING I MUST NOT...
SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

EXCUSE ME.
HE HAD A KNIFE AND A GUN...

SOMEONE STOP HIM!
SOMEONE ...PLEASE STOP...

WHO... WHO ELSE?
JANIS?
NO, I CAN'T.
!
WHO SHOULD I CALL...?
THIS SITUATION ISN'T LIKE MY BODY IS IN DANGER ...
WHO WOULD HELP ME?
PRRRR...
...?
I DON'T KNOW THIS ADDRESS.
PRRRR...
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ARE YOU ES?
!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY ADDRESS? WHO ARE YOU...
I'M FON'S FRIEND.
JACQUES BERNE.
I GOT YOUR ADDRESS FROM THE E-MAIL YOU SENT FON.
JACQUES... FON'S ROOMMATE ...!
P...
PLEASE STOP...
STOP FON!!
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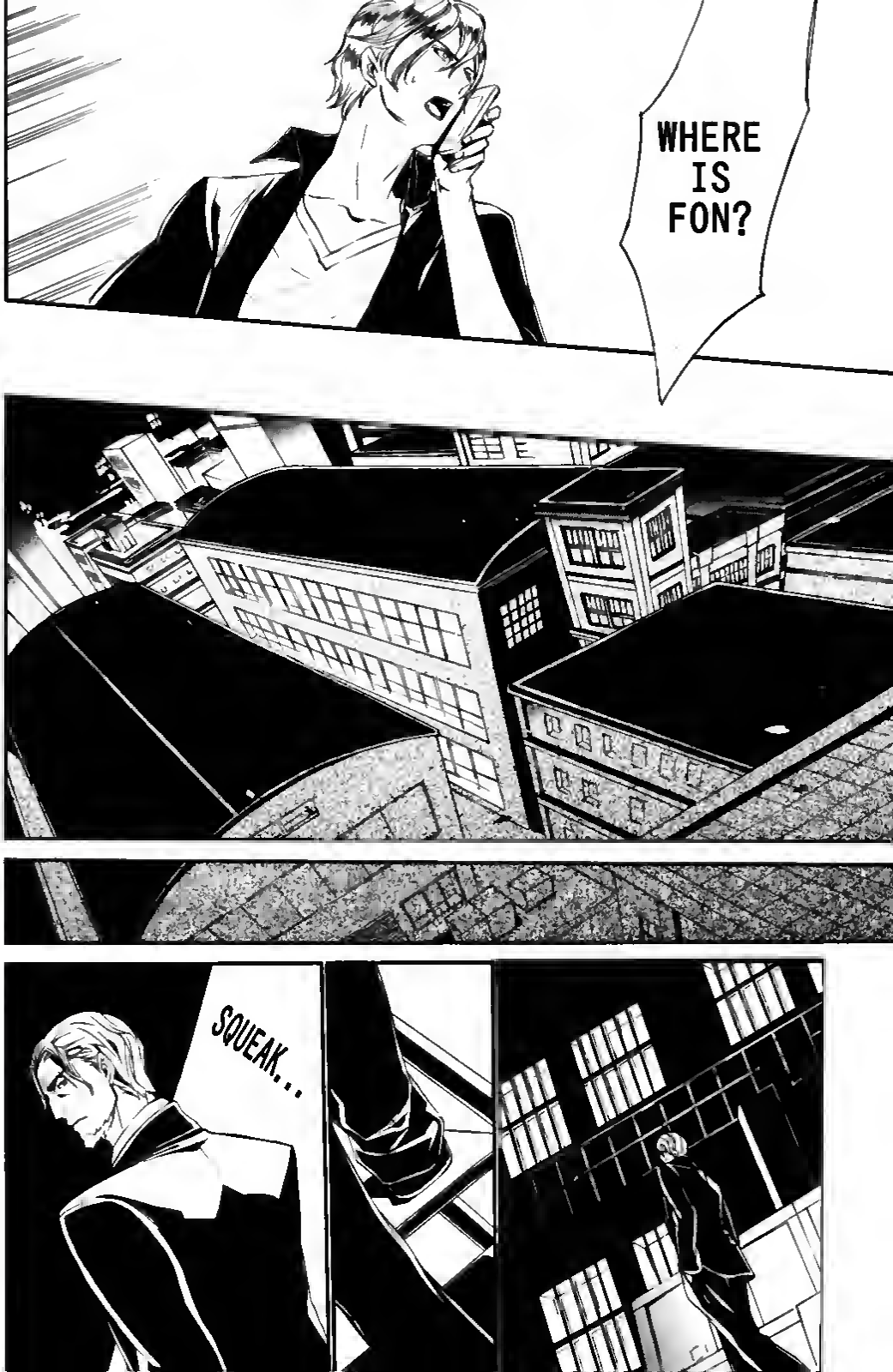
BEFORE THINGS GET TOO LATE...
DID HE MEET THAT GUY...?
IT'S MY FAULT.
BECAUSE I TOLD HIM...
I UNDERSTAND. PLEASE BE CALM.
I'M HEADING THERE RIGHT AWAY...
WHERE ARE YOU?


WHERE IS FON?
SQUEAK...

WHO THE HELL...
ARE YOU?

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
.....
THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR A KID TO WALK AROUND AT THIS LATE HOUR.
YOU SHOULD ...
GO HOME ...
SOON...
SOU...
EAK...
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CHAPTER 20

WHY
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....
DID
YOU
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MURDER
...
MY FATHER
AND
MOTHER.

....
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO.
YOU CAN'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALREADY.
ABOUT MR. AND MRS. MILFIELD YOU GUYS MURDERED...!
THAT ACTIV-ISTS.
ARE YOU... THE SON OF THEM?
AH...
MIL-FIELD...
....

WHO'S COMMAND WAS IT?
WHY DID YOU KILL THEM?
!
NOBODY ...
WHAT ...?
THAT WAS A SUPPORTER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OR WHATEVER ...
THERE IS NO NEED OF A REASON TO SWAT DOWN ANNOYING FLIES.

FLIES
...
!?
DID HE CALL MY PARENTS ...
FLIES?

WHAT IS THEIR SON ...
DOING HERE? A... VENGEANCE?
A KID LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO USE A GUN.
PROBABLY INFLUENCED BY A BOOK OR SOMETHING BUT...
SHWING
THE REALITY ISN'T SO...
BANG BANG!
!

...!
FLING
WHICH IS THE FLY?

MURDERER.
MY FATHER AND...
MY MOTHER WERE...
BECAUSE A PERSON LIKE YOU EXISTS..
I SEE.

ILEGENES IS...!

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NG..!

TOO BAD.
....
YOU DREW A BLANK.
...!
PULL

IN THE STOMACH TOO...?

THROB
..!
.....
SH...

BREATH...
THIS MAN ...
...
ARE YOU ...
MR. JAKE BERNE?

YOU ARE ES...
...
HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE JANIS.
NOD
NO.
WOULD YOU MIND EXPLAINING ON THE WAY?
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE PLACE.
I SEE "ES" ... IS HIS BROTHER.

ES, YOU ...
FON HAD TOOLS TO HURT PEOPLE.
WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO TO THAT MAN?
HUH?
I HAVE TO STOP FON QUICKLY ...
HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT GUY WAS FON'S ENEMY AND GUIDED HIM.
LET'S HURRY, ES.
YES.
EVEN FON CAN'T LEAVE UNHARMED FIGHTING WITH A PROFESSIONAL KILLER.

....
HIS MOVE IS GETTING BETTER...?
THERE IS NO WAY A HUMAN CAN KEEP UP WITH MY ATHLETIC SPEED. MY BODY IS CONVERTED.
NO WAY... ARE YOU REALLY A NATURAL HUMAN?
YEAH.
I AM A HUMAN.

I AM A HUMAN...
A CHILD OF THE HUMANS YOU MURDERED.
SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HIM?
HE MIGHT HAVE SEEN US ...

WHAT CAN A KID DO?
DOESN'T MATTER.
I WILL ...
MAKE YOU REGRET ...
....
YOU LET ME LIVE THAT NIGHT.

CHAPTER
21

LOOK, FON.
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
ILEGENES WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL ISLAND.
THERE WERE MANY FISHES TOO.

FISHERY WAS LARGE ...
UNTIL THE OCEAN POLLUTION HAPPENED A CENTURY AGO.
AND THERE WAS NO...
ARTIFICIAL HUMAN.

DAD AND MOM... YOU DON'T LIKE ARTIFICIAL HUMANS?
....
THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T NATURAL.
BUT THEY ARE ALIVE LIKE WE ARE.
LISTEN, FON.
NON-NATURAL HUMANS AREN'T THE ONES WE HATE.
THIS ISLAND HAS INVADED "GOD'S TERRITORY" WHERE NOBODY IS SUPPOSED TO.
THIS IS NOT HOW THIS ISLAND SUPPOSED TO BE RIGHT NOW...
THAT'S WHY...

IT NEEDS TO BE PURIFIED.
KILL
POUND
...
!?
WHAT ...?
...

KILL HIM!
AVENGE ON THIS MAN.
DESTROY ...
DETEST ...
THE BLACK MARKET.
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UGHA
...
NOW.

ANSWER ME.
WHO'S COMMAND WAS THAT?
....
...CAN'T ANSWER THAT...
UG... ARGG ...
...YOU MUST ANSWER.

ANSWER ME!
THAT WAS YOUR BOSS ...
WHO WAS FEEDING YOU?
WHO THE HELL ... IS HE?
I HAVE NO OBLI-GATION ...
TO ANSWER YOU!

.....
NO WAY ...
YOU DODGED AT THIS DISTANCE ...!?

YOU ARE THE ONE TO DIE.
MON ...
S...
.....
TER ...

IN THIS WAREHOUSE, ES?
YES.
SO QUIET... I HAVE A BAD FEELING.
AND...
....
WILL YOU WAIT HERE? I'M GOING.
SNIFF

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THIS SOUND
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BANG
...
FON ...?
REAL ...!?
THIS ISN'T ...

FO...
N...

JAKE, IS FON ...
DON'T COME HERE, ES!
..!
!!
FON.
TELL ME...
THIS ISN'T ...
REAL.

IT'S A NIGHT-MARE...
.....

CHAPTER
22

PANT
FIRST TIME.
I SWUNG DOWN THE KNIFE WITH ANGER.
I PIERCED SOMEONE'S LIFE.
PANT
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PANT
"NOT ENOUGH"
PANT

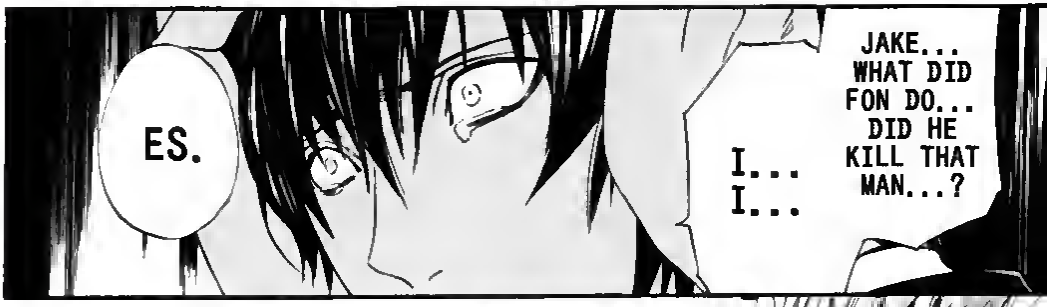
HUH...
HAA...
I CAN'T KILL ENOUGH.
...I WILL KILL YOU...
THAT'S RIGHT. DETEST MORE! DESTROY!
THRUST YOUR BLADE ON THE ENEMY!
MORE.
MORE!!
KILL YOU
殺してやる

ACT ON INSTINCT.
DESTROY AND DON'T LEAVE...
ANY FACTORS STAIN BLACK ON THIS ISLAND!
"FORTIN-BRAS"
THAT IS YOUR...

“FON”
....
...I THOUGHT...
SOMEBODY CALLED ME...

TURNED INTO A BEAST.
FON...
THAT'S HOW MUCH I...
BUT...
I COULD NO LONGER TELL WHO'S VOICE IT WAS...
OR WHO WAS STANDING THERE.

WHAT IS... THIS ...
...


ES.
I... I...
JAKE... WHAT DID FON DO... DID HE KILL THAT MAN...?

I WILL TAKE FON WITH ME. BUT YOU ...
BUT ...
HOW ABOUT YOU?
NEED TO LEAVE !

..!?
LEAVE FROM HERE.

...!
...
....
PLEASE ...!
フラ!
PLEASE ...
DON'T LOOK AT FON LIKE THIS ANY LONGER.
HURRY UP!

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...
IT'S ME, FON
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IT'S A DREAM ...
IT'S ME.
LET THE KNIFE GO.
THIS MUST BE A DREAM, ISN'T IT?
CAN'T YOU TELL WHO I AM?

THIS IS A BAD DREAM.
...!
WE WILL LAUGH TOGETHER WHEN TOMORROW COMES.
YOU' LL CALL MY NAME AS YOU NORMALLY DO.
"JAKE"
IT' S ME, FON!

IT'S JAKE!

BOOM
BO..

FON
..!?
JERK..
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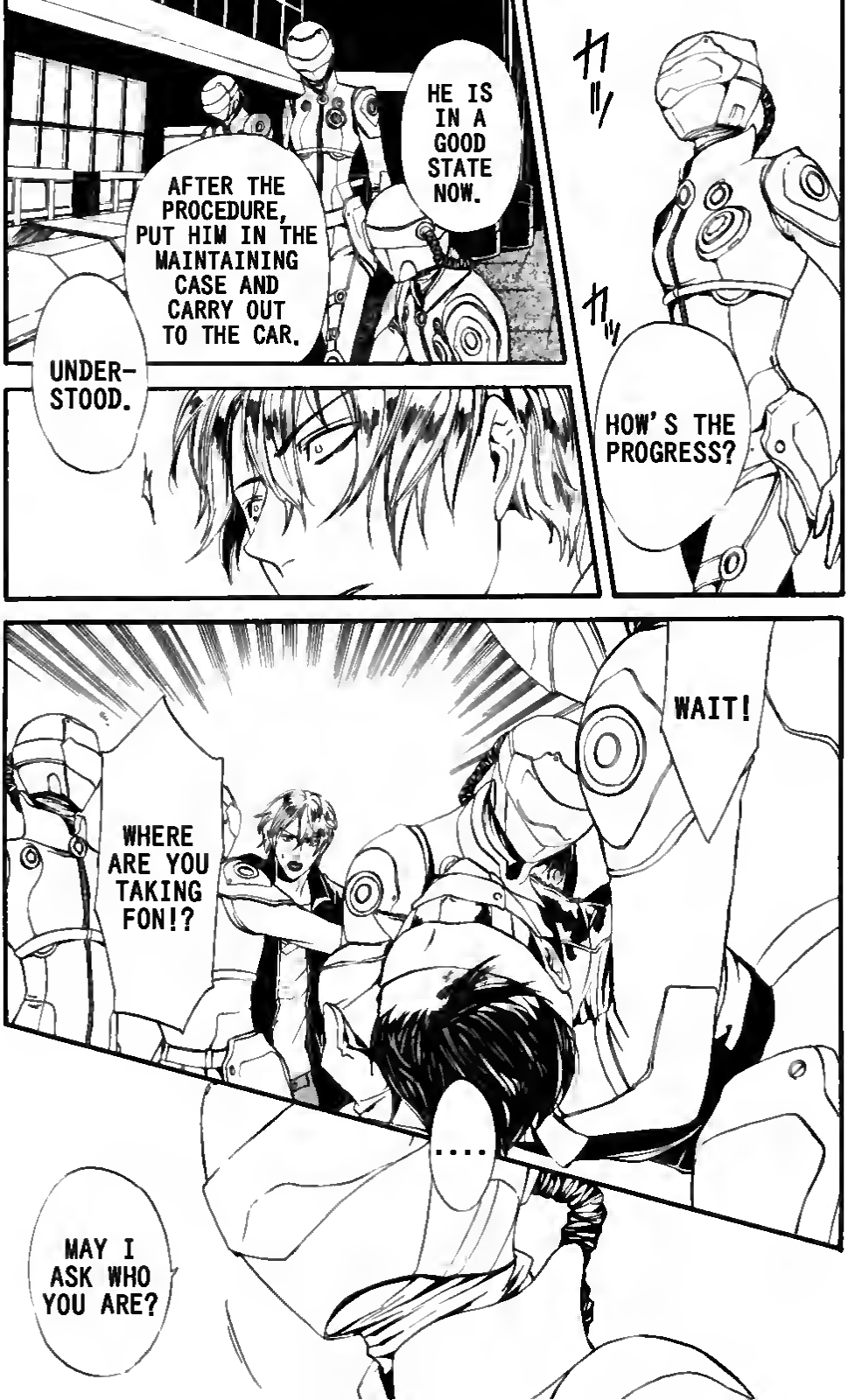
!?
HEY ...
STAND BACK. THIS BODY IS...
DAN-GER-OUS.
WHO ...
WHO ARE YOU GUYS!?
AH..
AR RG..
...
THIS BODY ...!?

GIVE ME THE RESTRAIN TOOL.
ANES-THETIC GUN IS STARTED TO AFFECT.
OKAY. CAPTURE HIM.
UGH..
UGAAAAA!
!!
FALL BACK, EVERYBODY.

AAGHA
ARRRGH.
....
PUT ON THE RESTRAIN TOOL AFTER CHECKING HIS CONDITION.

PULSE AND BLOOD PRESSURE ARE BOTH GOING DOWN TO NORMAL.
NERVE RESPONSE WENT DOWN HUNDRED SIXTY TO NINETY.
AFTER HE RECOVERED PUT HIM ON THE VENTILATOR.
USE MUSCLE RELAXANT JUST IN CASE...
.....
WHAT IS HAPPENING ...?
WHERE HAVE THESE BODY ARMOR GUYS CAME FROM ...
IS THIS REAL?
...BODY ...?
THIS BODY IS DANGER-OUS.


HOW'S THE PROGRESS?
HE IS IN A GOOD STATE NOW.
AFTER THE PROCEDURE, PUT HIM IN THE MAINTAINING CASE AND CARRY OUT TO THE CAR.
UNDER-STOOD.
WAIT!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING FON!?
....
MAY I ASK WHO YOU ARE?

I'M FON'S FRIEND ...
HIS BEST FRIEND !!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH FON?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU...
ARE YOU JACQUES BERNE BY ANY CHANCE...?
WHY DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
...THIS BOY IS...

NOT WELL.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU ARE COMING FROM! HOW COULD I ACCEPT THAT!?
USING FORCEFUL METHOD LIKE ANESTHETIC AND STUN GUN...
NO KIDDING !!
AND TREAT HIM.
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM...
..!
COULD YOU HOLD HIM?

LET ME GO!
FON!
FON!!
FON!!

FROM THIS HANDS ...

I UNDER-STAND.
...YES.
....
...I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY.
FORGET EVERYTHING ABOUT TODAY.
JACQUES BERNE.

TELL ME THAT WAS A BAD DREAM.
SOME-BODY TELL ME...
THAT HORRIBLE THING WASN'T REAL.
DRIP...

...!
UGH
...
..!
...WHY
...
...
FOR
WHAT
REASON
...
...

ARE YOU CRYING?

INNES, TAKE THE WITNESS TO HIS DORMITORY AND...
I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST HERE.
...ERASE HIS TONIGHT'S MEMORY.
JACQUES ...
GHH ... UGH ...
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HOW-EVER ...
MAYBE HE COULD ...
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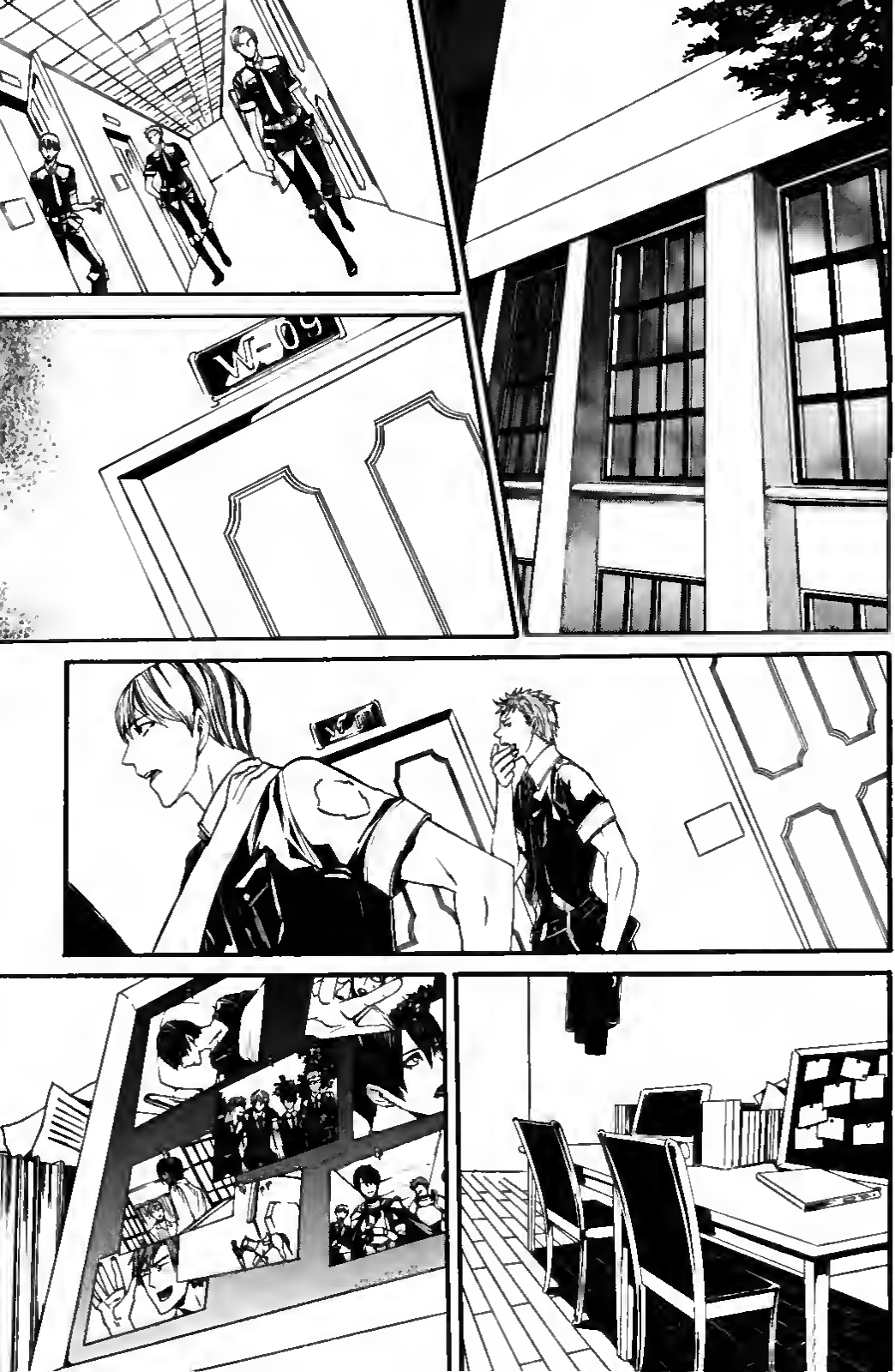


CHAPTER 23

FON HAS NOT BEEN BACK.
SEVERAL DAYS PAST BUT I HAVEN'T DIGESTED THAT NIGHT'S EVENT.

...
HUH
...
MAGGE TOLD ME THAT THE SUSPECT OF SERGEANT'S DEATH IS UNKNOWN.
PEOPLE ARE ASSUMING IT WAS DON BASURTO'S JOB.
JAKE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
....
FO...

AFTERNOON CLASS WILL START SOON.
HOW CAN YOU REACT LIKE THAT, JACQUES?
WE TROUBLED OURSELVES TO BRING YOUR TEXT BOOKS.
THAT'S YOU GUYS ...
?
SORRY. THANKS GUYS.
IT WAS A DREAM.
BUT EVEN I WAKE OUT OF DREAM. FON ISN'T THERE.
I THINK THAT WHEN I OPEN MY EYES EVERY MORNING.
THE NEXT BED IS STILL EMPTY.

HE HASN'T BEEN BACK SINCE THAT DAY HE WENT OUT BUT...
HE IS UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT AT HOUSE NOW, RIGHT?
HE RECOVERED QUICKLY WHEN HE BROKE RIBS ...SO HE PROBABLY WILL COME BACK SOON BUT I'M WORRIED A LITTLE.
YOU CAN'T BE LIKE THAT FOR LONG TIME.
WE HAVE TO RESTART "ELEPHANT'S TUSK" AS SOON AS HE COMES BACK.
GOT SICK SUDDENLY ...?

HIS FAMILY MEANS DR. LITTENBER?
HIS FAMILY ...?
....
YEP.
HIS FAMILY CONTACTED THAT HE IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FOR A WHILE BECAUSE OF SICKNESS.

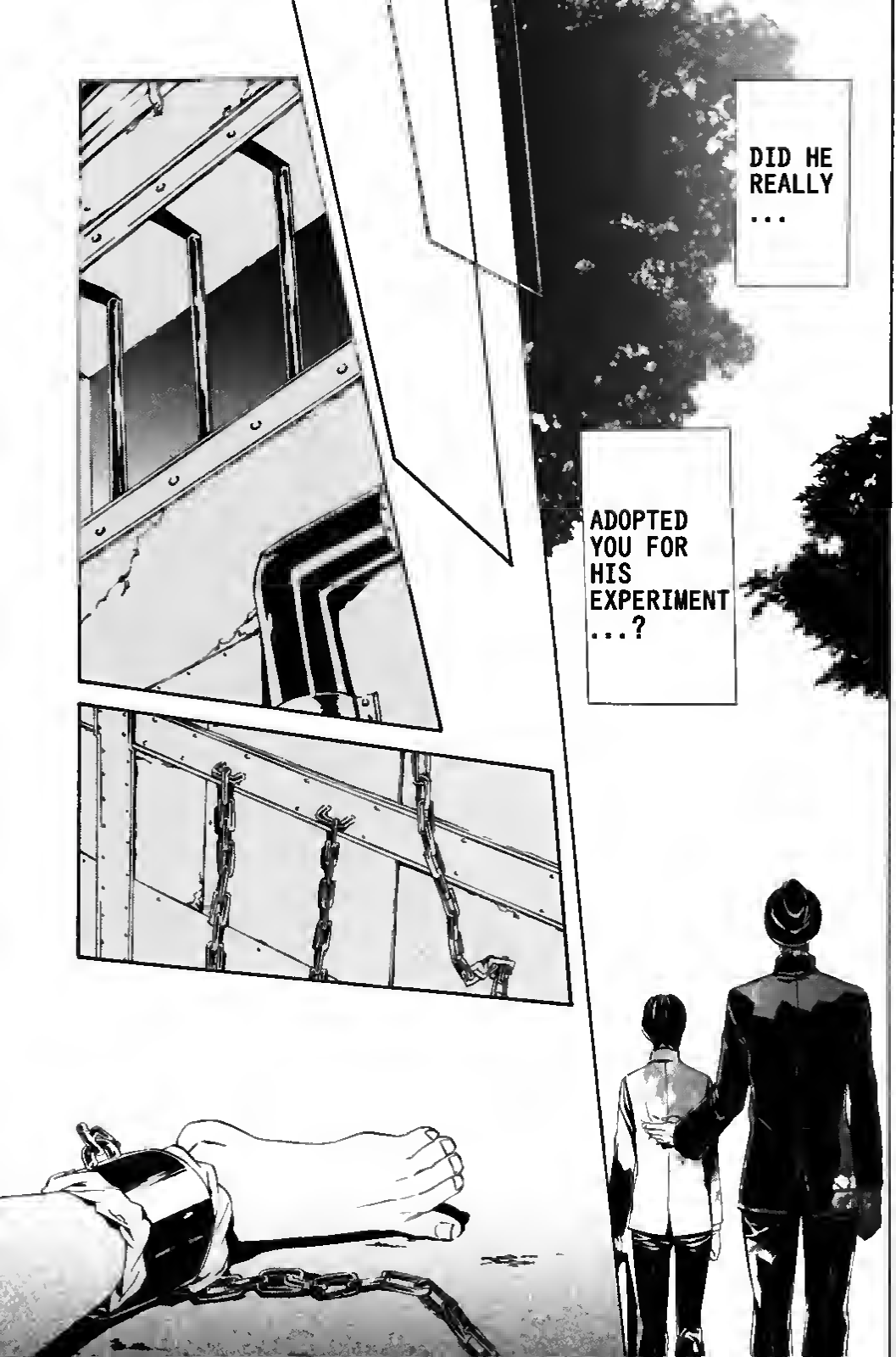
IT WAS DEFINITELY FROM HIS HOME CONTACT CODE.
JACQUES BERNE.
WHERE ELSE WILL WE GET CONTACTED FROM?
TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT OF DR. LITTENBER THAT MAGGE TOLD ME.
!...
THE WOMAN IN THAT UNIFORM WAS SAYING FON IS NOT WELL...
WHY DID HIS FAMILY CONTACTED HERE?
ARE THOSE BODY ARMOR PEOPLE CONNECTED TO FON'S FAMILY?
EXPERIMENT.

WHY WAS FON WATCHED BY THOSE PEOPLE?
THAT WOMAN IN A BODY ARMOR KNEW MY NAME.
AND ABOUT BEING A STUDENT OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY.
WHAT IS THE EXPERIMENT DOCTOR IS PURSUING?
....
COULD FON BE ...
THE TIMING OF COMING INTO THAT PLACE...
IT WAS AS THOUGH THEY WERE WATCHING FON.
..!

HELLO, JAKE.
....
FORTINBRAS WAS ABSENT AGAIN TODAY.
HEALTHY GUY OFTEN GETS SICK ALL OF A SUDDEN.
IS HIS SICKNESS CRUCIAL?
EVEN THEN, HE'S GOT THAT DR. LITTENBER. HE SHOULD BE FINE.
—
THE ONE FON WAS LOOKING FOR WAS KILLED IN THE SHADE OF THE ISLAND.

AWARE WHERE ES WAS AND...
WHY HE WAS THERE?
WHEN WILL HE COME BACK?
EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BE DISCOURAGED WITHOUT HIM.
IT'S RUMORED THAT HIS BROTHER IS A CLONE AND IF IT'S RIGHT...
PROBABLY A HIGH PERFORMANCE TAG CHIP IS BUILT INTO THE BODY.
....
I DON'T KNOW... ONLY INSTRUCTORS GET THE INFORMATION.
BUT...
I SEE. YOU MUST FEEL UNEASY AS HIS ROOMMATE.
YEAH.
JANIS, WEREN'T YOU...

JANIS HAS NEVER MENTIONED ABOUT...
WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT IS DR. LITTENBER HIDING?
FON, IT HAS BEEN A WEEK.


DID HE REALLY ...
ADOPTED YOU FOR HIS EXPERIMENT ...?

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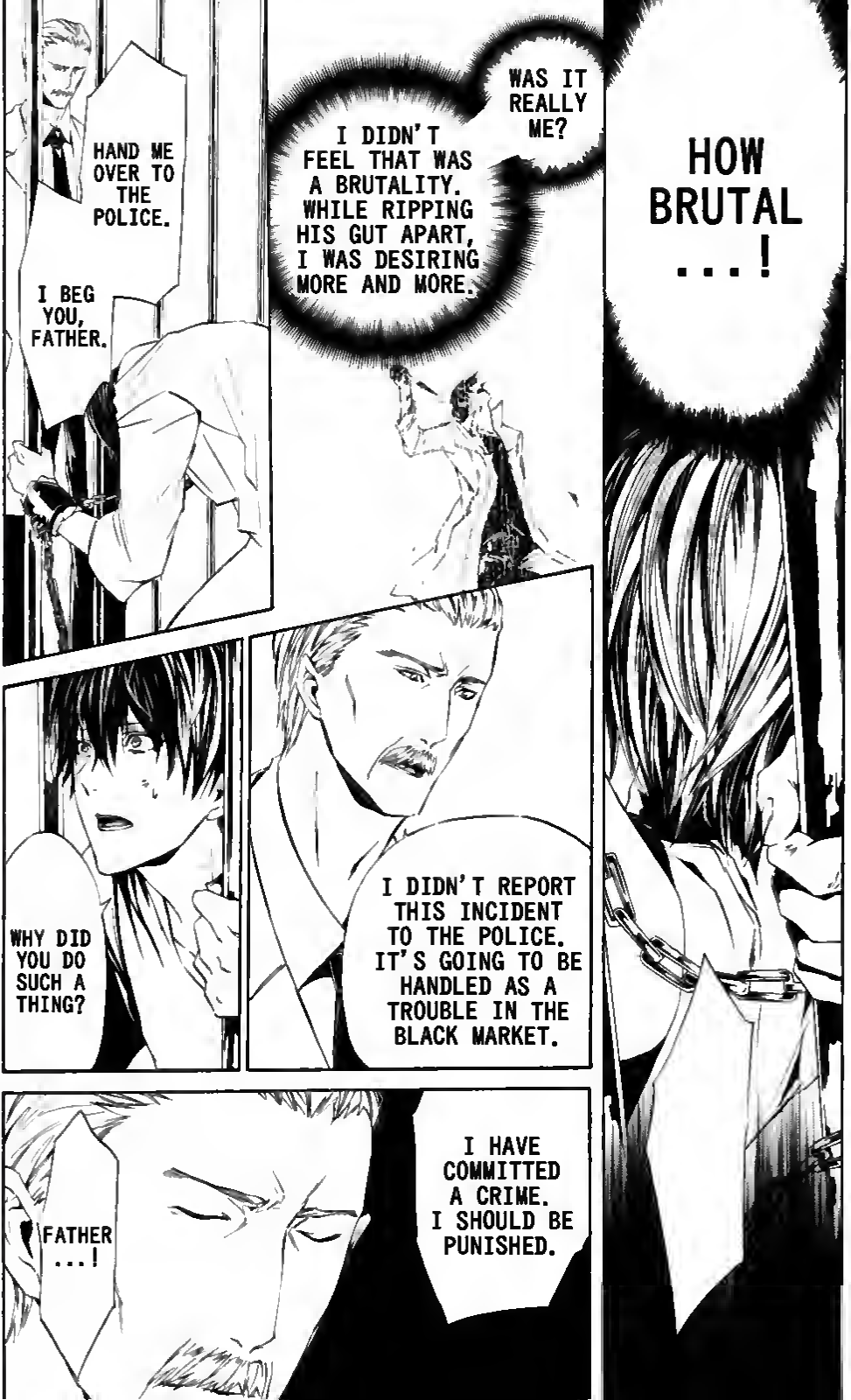
YOU FINALLY SETTLED DOWN.
....

PLEASE... LET ME BE OUT OF HERE, FATHER...
...!

PLEASE FATHER...
YOU SHOULD...
REMEMBER WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
....
ズズ...
I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE.
...!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
AH...
AAH...
...!

NO ...!
THAT WAS DIFFERENT. THAT WAS ...
I DID ...
WITH THESE HANDS ...
THAT'S RIGHT... YOU'VE AVENGED YOUR PARENTS.
A MURDER.
YET... IT WAS CRUELER ...
THERE WAS NOT A BIT OF SATISFAC-TION.


HOW BRUTAL...!
WAS IT REALLY ME?
I DIDN'T FEEL THAT WAS A BRUTALITY. WHILE RIPPING HIS GUT APART, I WAS DESIRING MORE AND MORE.
HAND ME OVER TO THE POLICE.
I BEG YOU, FATHER.
I DIDN'T REPORT THIS INCIDENT TO THE POLICE. IT'S GOING TO BE HANDLED AS A TROUBLE IN THE BLACK MARKET.
WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING?
I HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME. I SHOULD BE PUNISHED.
FATHER...!

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FATHER
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WHAT... HAVE I DONE...
..!
!!
I CAN'T ...ANY MORE...
LOOK AT ME, FORTIN-BRAS.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TRUTH.
IT WILL BE A TORMENT TO YOU NOT KNOWING BY NOW.
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU...
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LISTEN WELL, FORTIN-BRAS.
FATHER.
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WHAT IS THE TRUTH ...
WE ALSO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO STOP YOU.
...?
IT'S ABOUT YOURSELF.
MAKE SURE YOU FIRMLY PRINT IT ON YOUR MIND.

FORTIN-
BRAS.
YOU
ARE
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MY...
TRUTH...?

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HUH
...?
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....
BY FATHER AND HIS RESEARCHER ...
CRE ...
I WAS ...
CREATED BY US.
YOU WERE ...
SERIAL NUMBER "F" ... FORTINBRAS.
WHAT DID YOU ...
FATHER, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...WHAT YOU...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

CREATED
...?

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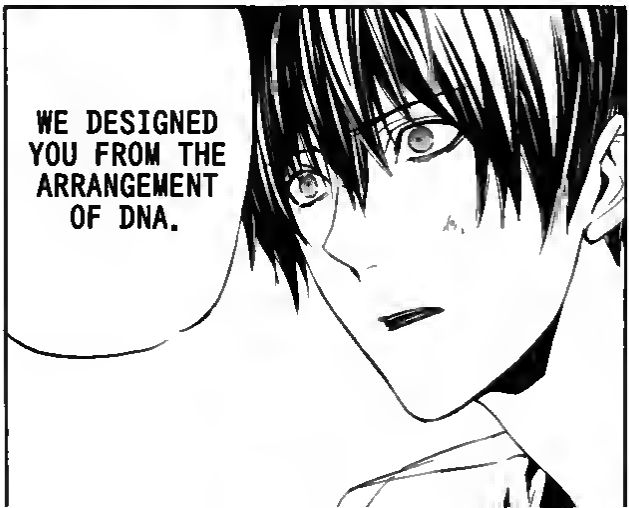
I WAS ...
CREATED ...
BY YOU GUYS ...?
CHAPTER 24


WE DESIGNED YOU FROM THE ARRANGEMENT OF DNA.

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THAT'S RIGHT ...

WE DIDN'T REPRODUCE YOU LIKE A CLONE OR RECOMBINE GENE.
A DOUBLE HELIX THAT WE LINKED FOUR TYPES OF BASES FROM ENORMOUS CALCULATIONS BY HANDS.
THAT IS THE DNA YOU HAVE.
THAT ...
THAT'S A LIE... I AM MY PARENTS' ...
YOU DON'T HAVE PARENTS.
WE MANAGED EVERY PIECE THAT COMPOUNDS YOU.
A COMPLETE ARTIFICIAL HUMAN.
WE CREATED YOU FROM NOTHING.

WE CREATED YOU FOR THE PURPOSE WE AIM...
YOU'RE A PURGE CHILD.
SERIAL NUMBER "F", THE SIXTH COMPLETE ARTIFICIAL HUMAN.
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THE SIXTH ...
YES.
I KNOW YOU BEFORE YOU BECAME ONE CELL.

EVENTUALLY YOU SHAPED AS A HUMAN AND BECAME A LIVING BODY...
YOU SPENT THIRTEEN YEARS IN THE WOMB TANK AT OUR LABO SINCE THEN.
THIRTEEN YEARS?
IT CAN'T BE TRUE.

I WAS WITH MY DAD AND MOM FOR THE WHOLE TIME.
I REMEMBER EVERY-THING.
THE CHILDHOOD MEMORY IN YOUR BRAIN WAS...
PROVIDED BY US.

IT'S CALLED EDUCATION MESSIAH BASED ON THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM...
FICTIONAL MEMORY.

I REMEMBER CLEARLY ...!
IT'S A MADE UP MEMORY !?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE YOU?
...
PLEASE STOP...
FON.
...?
WHAT IS THIS...
POP...
IF YOU CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
WATCH THIS.

"F" ... BODY... FORMATION ...?
SHIVER...

IN THE WOMB TANK FOR THIRTEEN YEARS
THAT IS THE RECORD WHEN YOU WERE...
TEMPERATURE SHIFTING AND BEHAVIOR RECORD TOO ...

THEN ...!
THIS IS MY...
WE KEPT OBSERVING YOU AFTER YOU CAME OUT OF THE TANK.
THE PROOF OF VERIFI- CATION THAT YOU ARE AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN IS IMPLANTED IN YOUR BODY.
DAD AND MOM WHO WAS KILLED ...
WHO WERE THEY?

THE TIME I SPENT WITH MY PARENTS WAS...
ALL A LIE ...?
HAPPY THIRTEENTH BIRTHDAY.
YOUR PARENTS WERE PARA-PARENTS WHO APPROVED THIS PROJECT.
YOU CAME OUT OF THE TANK WHEN YOU WERE THIRTEEN AND ADOPTED BY MR. AND MRS. MILFIELD.
THEIR KINDNESS ...
DAD'S EYES THAT GAZED ME.
MOM'S ARMS THAT HELD ME.
WHAT WERE THOSE FOR...?

ALTHOUGH IT'LL BE TOO LATE IF WE WAIT TILL THAT BRAVE PERSON TO APPEAR.
IN ORDER TO GAIN THE HEALTHY SOCIETY IN THE ROTTEN ILEGENES...
WE CONCLUDED THAT WE NEED A LEADER WHO CAN SHOULDER EVERYTHING.
SO WE...
DECIDED TO CREATE.
CREATE A LEADER.
THIS ISLAND HAS UTTERLY CHANGED DURING THE LAST HALF CENTURY.
GAVE GENE RECOMBINATION TO HUMAN AND MADE IT A BUSINESS.
THE PLACE HAS CHANGED INTO THE ISLAND THAT DOES NOT EVEN FEAR GOD.
....
YOU ARE MADE TO PURIFY ILEGENES.
WHY DID YOU ... TAKE SO MUCH TROUBLE TO CREATE "ME" ?
PURIFY ...?
I AM ...?

CREATE A PERSON TO PURIFY THIS ISLAND...
EIGHT EXCELLENT SCIENTISTS STARTED THIS PROJECT THIRTY YEARS AGO.
YOUR GENE WAS DESIGNED MOST SUITABLE TO REVOLUTIONIZE ILEGENES.
YOUR LOOKS AND PERSON-ALITY TOO.
DEDUCE APTITUDES FROM GREAT LEADERS IN THE PAST AND REFLECTED IN YOUR BRAIN PLAN.

EIGHT MOST INTELLIGENT SCIENTISTS OF THE AGE ASSUMED ALL KINDS OF MATTERS AND...
YOU MUST BE LYING YOU HAVEN'T DONE HORSE RIDING?
YOUR INTELLIGENCE AND ATHLETIC ABILITY ARE DESIGNED TO BE FAR BETTER THAN AN ORDINARY PERSON.
HEY, FON. YOU'RE THE FIRST AGAIN ON THE EXAM!?
I DIDN'T HEAR ANY NOISE.
GAVE YOU A SPECIAL APTITUDE TO DEAL WITH THE MATTERS.
EVERY-THING WAS...
TO MAKE ILEGENES STARTING OVER.

COLLAPSING...
YOUR PERSONALITY IS ALSO EMBODIED FROM ONE OF THE PLANED PATTERNS.
...SO THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK ME IN...
AND THAT'S WHY I FELT LIKE I KNEW HIM...
!!
THE DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. MILFIELD WAS TRAGIC.

DAD AND MOM APPROVED THE PROJECT AND BECAME MY PARA-PARENTS...
THE REASON I TOOK YOU IN WAS...
TO TAKE OVER THE OUT-OF-TANK EDUCATION THEY WERE CONDUCTING.
CONDUCTING THE OUT-OF-TANK EDUCATION.
THEN WHAT WAS THE WARMTH AND KINDNESS ...
I THOUGHT I WAS LOVED...
MY HAPPINESS WAS GIVEN VOLUNTARY.
BECAUSE I...

DAD AND MOM LOVED ME...
BECAUSE I WAS A PART OF THE PROJECT ...?
FON ...
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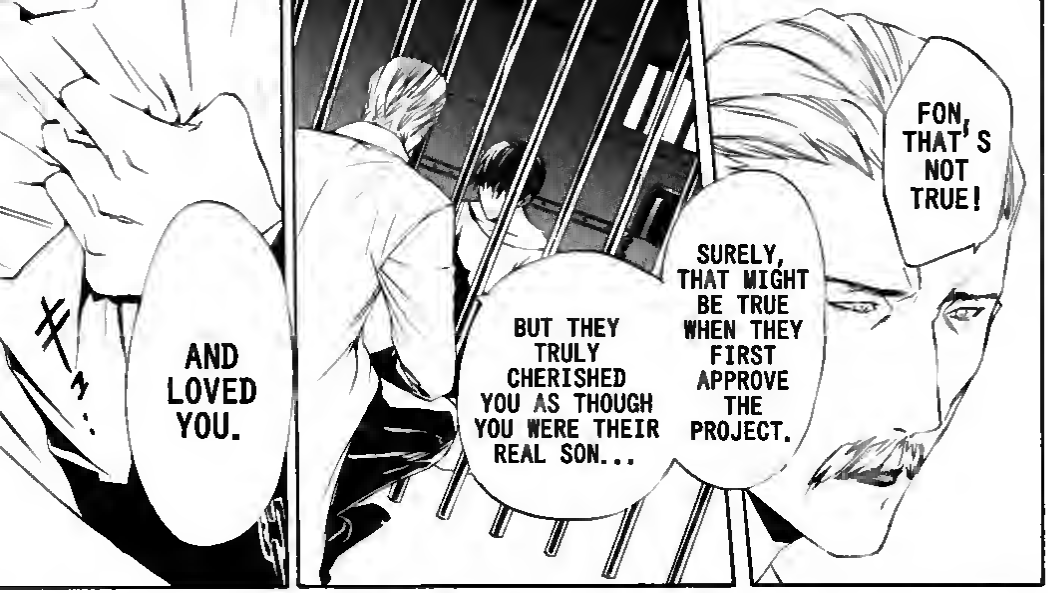
THEY WERE ACTING AS PARENTS TRYING TO MATCH MY MEMORY IN THE TANK ...!
THERE WAS PURPOSE BEHIND THEIR BEHAVIOR TOWARD ME ...


FON, THAT'S NOT TRUE!
SURELY, THAT MIGHT BE TRUE WHEN THEY FIRST APPROVE THE PROJECT.
BUT THEY TRULY CHERISHED YOU AS THOUGH YOU WERE THEIR REAL SON...
AND LOVED YOU.

WHERE IS THE PROOF?
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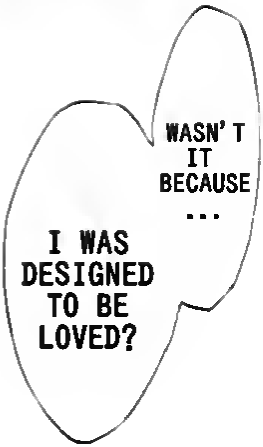
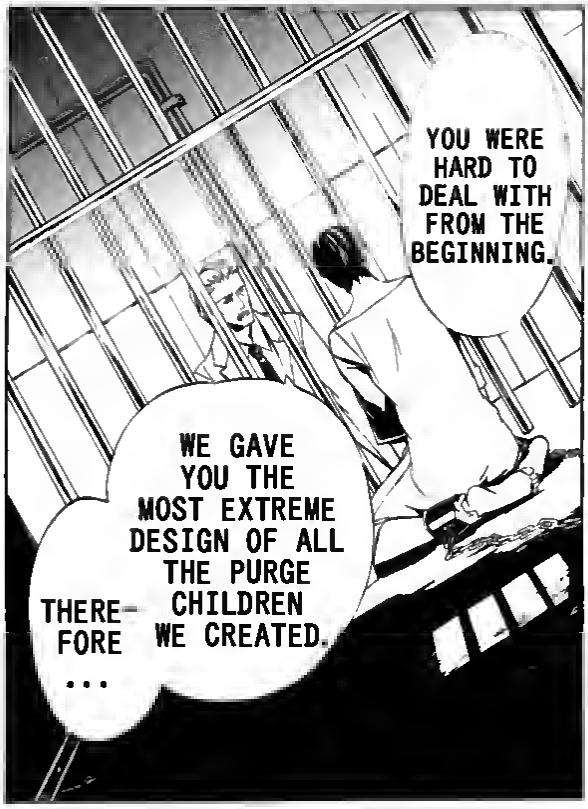
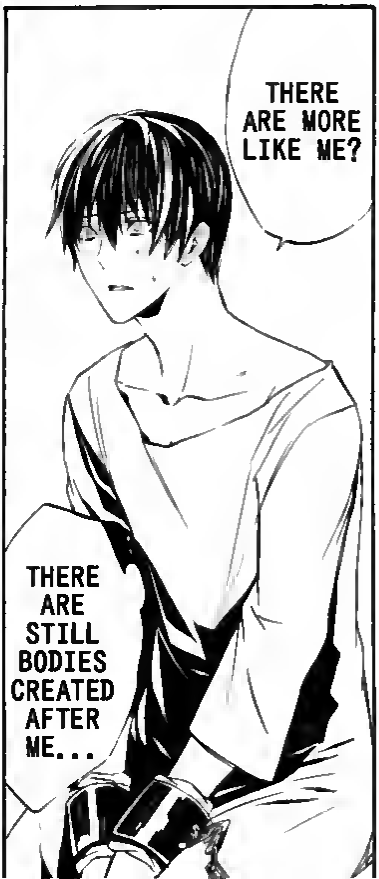

WASN'T IT BECAUSE ...
I WAS DESIGNED TO BE LOVED?

...YOU UNDERSTAND THAT INSIDE OF YOU.
....
FON.
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THEY LOVED YOU...
THIS EGO RIGHT NOW IS ALSO "PERSONIFIED SOMEBODY ELSE'S NOTION" ... "SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN" ...
....
WHERE?
ARTIFICIAL.
UNTIL WHERE IS REAL AND FROM WHERE IS THE FICTION.

EVEN NOW ...
I WAS UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT I WAS WALKING WITH MY FREE WILL ON THE STREET THAT WAS SET BEFORE I WAS CREATED.
WE ARE NOURISHING A NEW BODY IN THIS LABO.
WAS THERE ANY REALITY IN IT?


YOU WERE HARD TO DEAL WITH FROM THE BEGINNING.
WE GAVE YOU THE MOST EXTREME DESIGN OF ALL THE PURGE CHILDREN WE CREATED.
THERE-FORE ...


THERE ARE MORE LIKE ME?
THERE ARE STILL BODIES CREATED AFTER ME...

WE NEEDED TO MOST CAREFULLY OBSERVE YOU.
THE STABILITY OF MIND AND BODY IN ADOLESCENCE WAS THE BIGGEST SUBJECT...
THE MURDER OF MILFIELD WAS A TRAGIC ACCIDENT.
THAT NIGHT ...
WE COULD HAVE PRESUME THAT...
KNOWING THEIR ACTIVITY.

WE TRIED TO DISSOLVE WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT BUT...
YOUR TRAUMA MADE YOU UNSTABLE.
EVERY TIME THE MEMORY COMES BACK IN YOUR MIND, YOU SUFFERED WITH FIT.
WE COULDN'T REMEDY THAT.
I SEE.
....
IT WAS ALL...
MADE.
THERE ARE SUBSTI-TUTES FOR ME.

PLEASE FORGIVE US...
FORGIVE US, FON.
THE CRUEL THING YOU'VE DONE WAS NOT YOUR FAULT.
WE ARE RESPON-SIBLE FOR THAT.
YOUR PROGRAM WENT OUT OF CONTROL INSIDE OF YOU.
WE COULDN'T CONTROL ...
FOR NOT BE ABLE TO STOP YOU.

EVERYTHING I BELIEVED ABOUT ME BEING MYSELF IS CRUMBLING DOWN.
!!!
I'M JUST LIKE A MACHINE THAT CAN BE TAKEN APART.
AN ARTIFICIAL PATCHWORK ...

A DESIGNED LIFE.
EVERY-THING HAS HAPPENED AS IT SUPPOSED TO BE.

WAS I DREAM-ING?
WHERE IS THE BORDER BETWEEN REALITY AND FICTION?
I CAN'T TELL.

THIS BROKEN HUMAN IS STILL ...
A NECES-SARY EXIST-ENCE ...
FOR YOU ...?
THE SIXTH HUMAN ARTIFI-CIALLY CREATED IN ORDER TO PURIFY ILEGENES...
IF THERE ARE OTHER BODIES CREATED FOR THE SAME MISSION ...
MY EXISTENCE IS...

FATHER
...
PLEASE TELL ME...
FON
...
WHAT IS MYSELF AND WHAT IS NOT !?
WHAT IS MY OWN THOUGHT AND WHAT IS NOT !?

TELL ME DOCTOR !!
TELL ME !!
TELL ME ...!!

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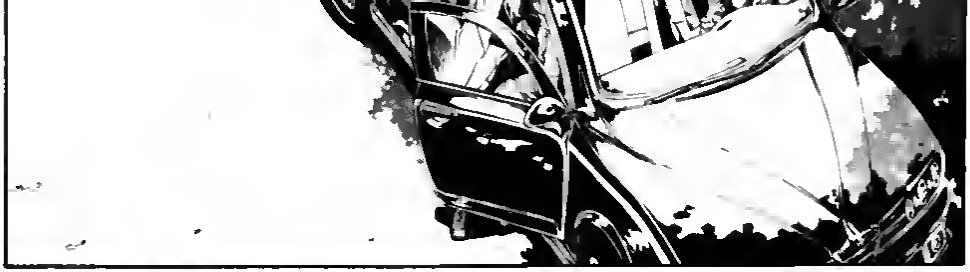

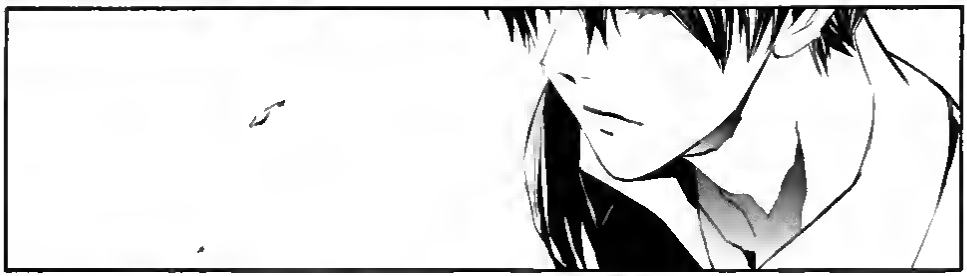

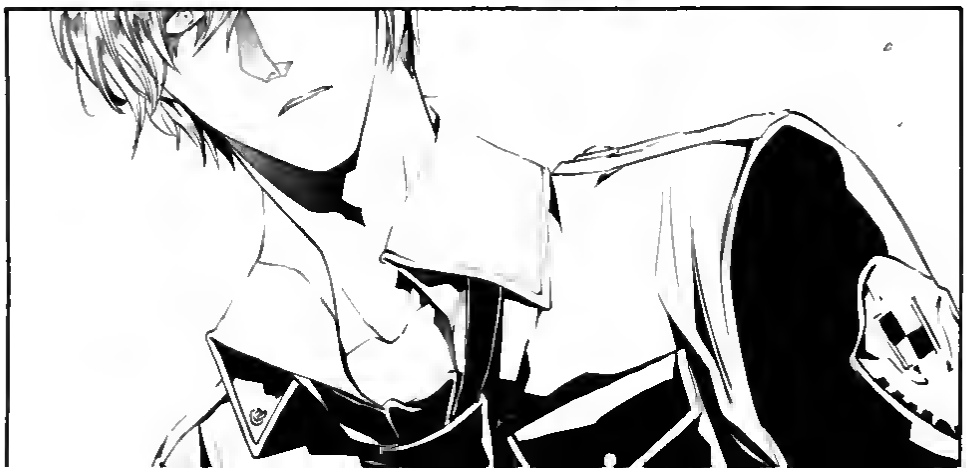

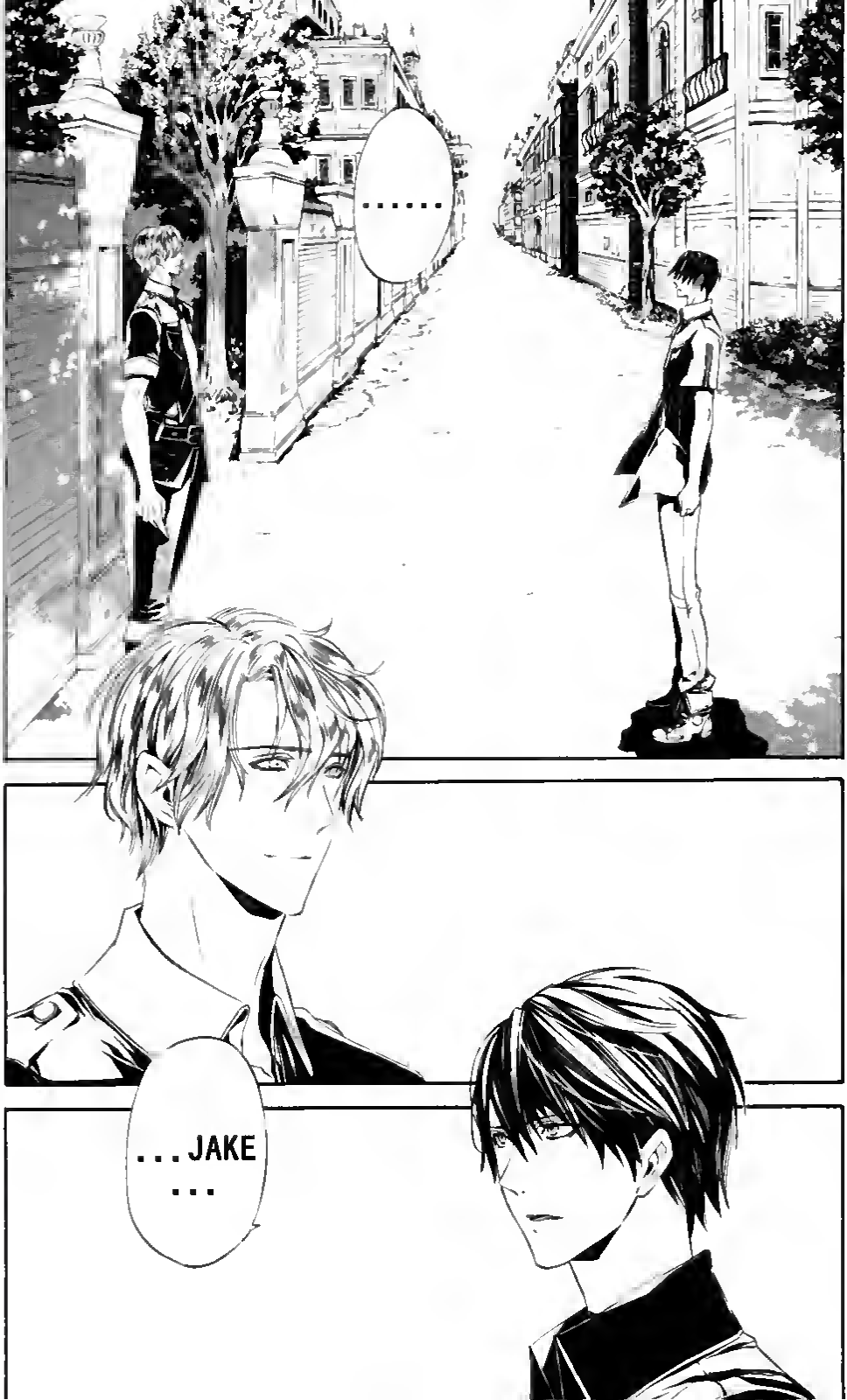
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...JAKE
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JAKE'S SMILE TOWARD ME.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
I'M SORRY ...
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NOT THE KIND OF BEING DESERVES YOUR SMILE.

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NICOLAS RODEN

BIRTHDAY	5/31
BLOODTYPE	AB
HEIGHT	188cm
HOBBY	PROGRAMMING

GEORG CRUDUP FEFO

BIRTHDAY	6/10
BLOODTYPE	O
HEIGHT	180cm
HOBBY	GROWING CACTUS

JS RENO

BIRTHDAY	10/24(脱稿日)
BLOODTYPE	A
HEIGHT	180cm
HOBBY	DRAWING AND TAKING CARE OF CATS

JACQUES BERNE

BIRTHDAY	12/23
BLOODTYPE	B
HEIGHT	185cm
HOBBY	PHOTOGRAPHY

JANIS RENO

BIRTHDAY	1/9
BLOODTYPE	A
HEIGHT	180cm
HOBBY	CHESS, BACKGAMMON, GO, ETC.

FON FORTINBRAS LITTENBER

BIRTHDAY	9/19
BLOODTYPE	A
HEIGHT	175cm
HOBBY	TAKING CARE OF HORSE